

Form 1: Document Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Findings on Record

Is there existing BLM wilderness characteristics inventory information on all or part of this area?

NO (If no, go to Form 2)
 YES If yes, and if the area has subunits within the broader area, list the unique identifiers for each of those subunits:

Inventory Source: 1980 Wilderness Study Report
 Inventory Area Unique Identifier(s): 310 001
 Map Name(s)/Number(s): _____
 BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): Front Range District/ Royal Gorge Field Office

BLM Inventory findings on record: Document existing inventory information regarding wilderness characteristics (if more than one BLM inventory area is associated with the area, list each area and answer each question individually for each inventory area):

| Document BLM Wilderness Characteristics Findings on Record (Historic Findings) | | | | | |
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| Inventory Source Document: | | | | | |
| Area Unique Identifier | Sufficient Size? (YES/NO & acres) | Naturalness (YES/NO) | Outstanding Opportunities for Solitude (YES/NO) | Outstanding opportunities for primitive & unconfined recreation (YES/NO) | Supplemental Values? (YES/NO) |
| CO-050-014 | Y | N | N | N | N |
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(add rows as needed)

Form 2: Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics

Area Unique Identifier: COF-020-088, Suzie's Ridge

Acreage: 2,830.7 acres

1. Is the area of sufficient size? :

Yes ____ No X

The land is smaller than 5,000 acres. The lands do adjoin the BLM Lower Grape Creek Wilderness Study Area (WSA) (managed by the Royal Gorge Field Office BLM); however, the lands are not contiguous as state and private lands also form the boundary. The unit does not meet the size exception 2.a.i.

The unit is bounded as follows:

- The north east edge is bounded by BLM Lower Grape Creek WSA;
- The north edge is bounded by wilderness inventory road CO-020-023-A;
- The southwest corner is defined by wilderness inventory road, Fremont County Rd 1;
- The southeast corner is bounded by wilderness inventory road, CO-020-023-C;
- The south, west, northeast and southeast edges of the unit are bounded by property lines other than BLM management.

2. Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes ____ No ____ NA X

3. Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for solitude?

Yes ____ No ____ NA X

4. Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?

Yes ____ No ____ NA X

5. Does the area have supplemental values (ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic or historical value)?

Yes X No ____ NA ____

- The unit contains elk severe winter range and mule deer winter range as mapped by Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

Summary of Analysis:

Unique Identifier: COF-020-088

Acreage: 2,830.7 acres

Results of Analysis:

Inventory concluded that the 2,830.7 acres do not possess wilderness characteristics. The lands adjoin with the BLM Lower Grape Creek WSA; however, the lands are not contiguous. The unit does not meet the size criteria.

The unit, COF-020-88, Suzie's Ridge, is bounded as follows:

- The east edge is bounded by BLM Lower Grape Creek WSA;
- The north edge is bounded by wilderness inventory road CO-020-023-A;
- The southwest corner is bounded by wilderness inventory road, Fremont County Rd 1;
- The southeast corner is bounded by wilderness inventory road, CO-020-023-C;
- The south, southeast, north east and west edges of the unit are bounded by property lines other than BLM management.
- The legal description is as follows:
 - o T. 19 S. R. 72 W. Sections 26, 27, 33, 34, 35.

- Does the area meet size requirements or exceptions? Yes _____ No X
- Does the area appear natural? Yes _____ No _____ NA X
- Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? Yes _____ No _____ NA X
- Does the area have supplemental value? Yes X No _____ NA _____

Check one:

The area, or a portion of the area, has wilderness characteristics and is identified as land with wilderness characteristics.

The area does not have wilderness characteristics.

This does not represent a formal land use allocation or a final agency decision, and does not represent a decision in regard to how the area will be managed or address impacts of management decisions.

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Form 3: Route Analysis:

The Route Analysis includes factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes. For the purposes of this analysis, use the following definition of a “road”. This definition is drawn from and the FLPMA legislative history and historic BLM inventory direction.

Road: An access route which has been improved and maintained by mechanical means to insure relatively regular and continuous use. A way maintained solely by the passage of vehicles does not constitute a road.

- a. Improved and maintained – Actions taken physically by people to keep the road open to vehicle traffic. “Improved” does not necessarily mean formal construction. “Maintained” does not necessarily mean annual maintenance.
- b. Mechanical means – Use of hand or power machinery or tools.
- c. Relatively regular and continuous use – Vehicular use that has occurred and will continue to occur on a relatively regular basis. Examples are: access roads for equipment to maintain a stock water tank or other established water sources, access roads to maintained recreation sites or facilities, or access roads to mining claims.

If a portion of a route is found to meet the wilderness inventory road criteria (see Part III) and the remainder does not meet these criteria (e.g., a cherrystem road with a primitive route continuing beyond a certain point), identify each segment and explain the rationale for the separate findings.

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: COF-020-088, Suzie’s Ridge
Route or Route Segment Name and/or Identifier: CO-020-023-A, Fremont County Road 1, CO-020-023-C

I. LOCATION:

Refer to attached map and BLM corporate data (GIS). List photo point references (where applicable) or reference attached photo log:

Map Title: Unit COF-020-088, Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Map

Map Date: 2013

Describe:

The map shows the parcel inventoried for wilderness characteristics and routes collected by GPS.

II. ROUTE CONTEXT

The purpose of a route is not a deciding factor in determining whether a route is a road for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes. The purpose of a route does provide context for factors on which such a determination may be based, particularly the question of whether maintenance of the route ensures relatively regular and continuous

use. The purpose also helps to determine whether maintenance that may so far have been unnecessary to ensure such use would be approved by BLM when the need arises.

A. Current Purpose of Route:

- CO-020-023-A: the current purpose is for private inholding access and BLM administrative access.
- CO-020-023-C: The current purpose is for a private access.
- Fremont County Road 1: The current purpose is for general transportation.

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

B.1. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes No Unknown

If yes, what is the stated purpose of the ROW?

B.2. Is the ROW still being used for this purpose?

Yes No Unknown or N/A

- CO-020-023-A: has a ROW associated with it through Fremont County, it is unknown if the road has been abandoned by Fremont County, serial # C 44142.
- CO-020-023-C: has a ROW associated with it, COC53191, the ROW is currently in use.
- Fremont County Road 1: has a ROW associated with it through Fremont County, it is currently used by Fremont County, serial # C 44142.

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III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

A. Is there evidence of construction or improvement using mechanical means?

Yes, if either III.A.1 or III.A.2 is checked "yes" below

No, if both III.A.1 and III.A.2 are checked "no" below

A.1. Construction: Is there evidence that the route or route segment was originally constructed using mechanical means?

Yes No

- CO-020-023-A: has evidence of mechanical construction; evidence of cut/fill is on the hill sides.
- CO-020-023-C: has evidence of mechanical construction, possibly bladed.
- Fremont County Road 1: has evidence of mechanical construction, bladed and graveled.

A.2. Improvements: Is there evidence of improvements using mechanical means to facilitate access?

Yes If "yes", improvements by? Hand Tools by Machine

No _____

- CO-020-023-A: has evidence of hand tool use to clear vegetation from the route.
- CO-020-023-C: has evidence of mechanical improvements such as adding culverts, and drainage crossings.
- Fremont County Road 1: has evidence of mechanical improvements such as roadside berms, drainage, and culverts.

B. Maintenance: Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure *relatively* regular and continuous use?

Yes, if either III.B.1 *or* III.B.2 is checked "yes" below X

No, if both III.B.1 *and* III.B.2 are checked "no" below X

B.1. Is there evidence or documentation of maintenance using hand tools or machinery?

Yes X If "yes", maintenance by? Hand Tools _____ by Machine X

- CO-020-023-C: has evidence of mechanical maintenance on route.
- Fremont County Road 1: has evidence of mechanical maintenance on route.

B.1. No X

- CO-020-023-A: No recent maintenance was observed.

B.2. If the route or route segment is in good condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable? "Good condition" would be a condition that ensures regular and continuous use relative to the purposes of the route. Consider whether the route can be clearly followed in the field over its entire course and whether all or any portion of the route contains any impediments to travel.

Yes X No _____

Explain:

- CO-020-023-A: BLM would maintain route if became impassable due to administrative access designated in the Arkansas River Travel Management Plan (2006).
- CO-020-023-C: ROW holder would maintain route if became impassable.
- Fremont County Road 1: Fremont County would maintain route if became impassable.

C. Relatively regular and continuous use: Does the route or route segment ensure relatively regular and continuous use?

Yes X

Explain: Describe evidence (e.g., direct: vehicles or vehicle tracks observed; or indirect: evidence of use associated with purpose of the route such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue

to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (regular and continuous use relative to the purpose(s) of the route). Include estimate of travel rates for the stated purposes (e.g., trips per day, week, month, season, year, or even multiple years in some facility maintenance cases).

- CO-020-023-C: has continuous use, possibly 20 times per day.
- Fremont County Road 1: has continuous use, possibly 40-60 times a day.

C. Relatively regular and continuous use: Does the route or route segment ensure relatively regular and continuous use?

No X

- CO-020-023-A: is closed to public access due to no legal access from private property. The route has use 10-15 times a month.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Does the route or route segment meet the definition of a wilderness inventory road (i.e., are items III.A *and* III.B *and* III.C all checked yes)? If part of the route meets the wilderness inventory road definition and the remainder does not, describe the segment meeting the definition and any remaining portion not meeting the definition and why. Also, describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

Yes X = Wilderness Inventory Road

No = Not a road for wilderness inventory purposes

Explain:

- CO-020-023-A is a wilderness inventory route, due to the associated ROW, and designated BLM administrative access.
- CO-020-023-C: is a wilderness inventory route, due to the associated ROW.
- Fremont County Road 1: is a wilderness inventory route, due to the associated ROW and regular and continuous use.

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Date: July 30, 2013

PHOTO LOG

Photographer(s): **Janine Prout/ Recreation Technician**

Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **COF-020-088**

| Date | Frame # | Camera Direc. | Description | GPS/UTM Location | Township | Range | Sec. | Photo Point # |
|-----------|----------|---------------|---|------------------|----------|-------|------|---------------|
| 6/6/2013 | DSC03633 | E | Cattle guard | See map | 20 S | 72 W | 2 | 1 |
| 6/6/2013 | DSC03641 | E | Route Condition | See map | 20 S | 72 W | 2 | 2 |
| 6/6/2013 | DSC03642 | E | Route Condition | See map | 20 S | 72 W | 3 | 3 |
| 6/6/2013 | DSC03644 | NW | Route Condition | See map | 19 S | 72 W. | 33 | 4 |
| 6/6/2013 | DSC03645 | N | Typical view of the unit from the south | See map | 19 S | 72 W. | 33 | 5 |
| 6/20/2013 | DSC03675 | NE | Beginning of route | See map | 19 S | 72 W. | 26 | 6 |
| 6/20/2013 | DSC03676 | NE | Beginning of route | See map | 19 S | 72 W. | 26 | 7 |
| 6/20/2013 | DSC03677 | S | Drill Site | See map | 19 S | 72 W. | 26 | 8 |
| 6/20/2013 | DSC03685 | W | Milled Beams | See map | 19 S | 72 W. | 26 | 9 |
| 6/20/2013 | DSC03688 | N | Scenic view | See map | 19 S | 72 W. | 22 | 10 |
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#1, Route condition, Cattle guard



2, Route condition



#3, Route COndition



#4, Fremont County Road condition



#5, Typical view of the route



#6, beginning of route



#7, beginning of route



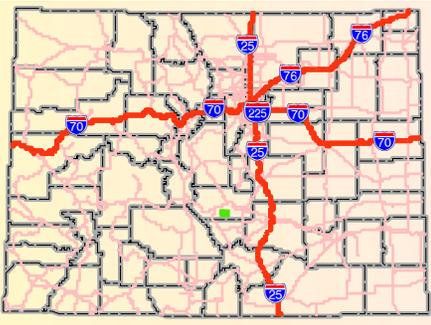
#8, Drilling site



#9, Milled lumber



#10, Scenic View



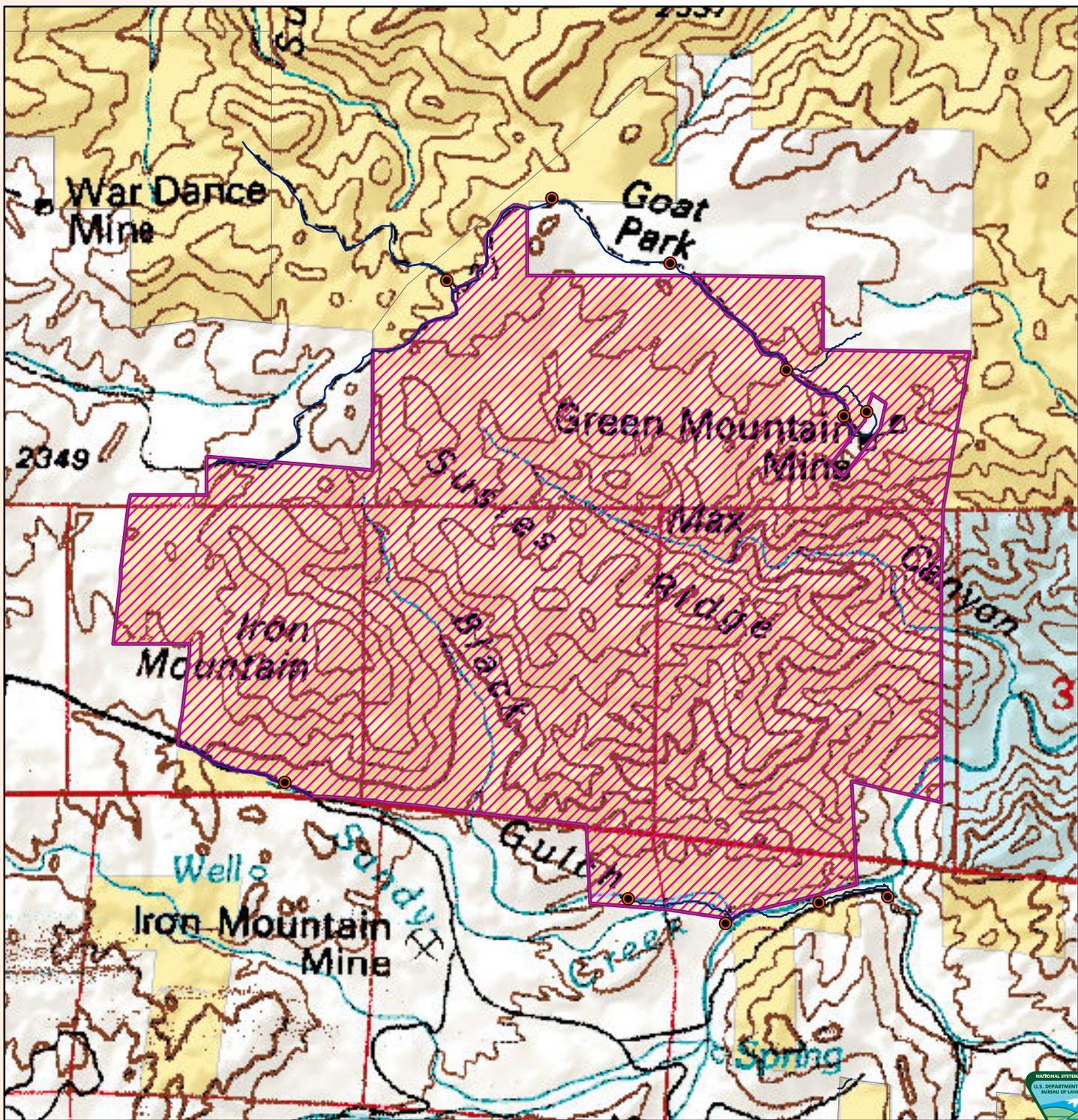
Map Extent Indicator

Map Features

- Photo points
- Inventoried Routes
- Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Parcels
- Counties

Surface Land Ownership

- Bureau of Land Management
- Private
- State



COF-020-088 Acreage: 2830.7

NOTE TO MAP USERS: No warranty is made by the Bureau of Land Management as to the accuracy, reliability, or completeness of the data layers shown on this map. The official land records of the data providers should be checked for current status on any specific tract of land.

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